

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on March 21, 2005 at 9:01 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 512, 3/17/2005; SB 513,
3/17/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:25

HEARING ON SB 512

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 512, General sales tax with property tax relief.

[EXHIBIT\(tas62a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas62a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas62a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas62a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas62a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:59 SEN. JEFF MANGAN, SD 12

00:15:48 Linda Gryczan, Montana League of Women Voters

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:32 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

SEN. TOOLE assumed the Chair.

00:24:10 Gene Fenderson, Progressive Labor Caucus

SEN. ELLIOTT resumed the Chair.

Informational Testimony:

00:27:39 Larry Finch, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:26 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:30:47 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses

00:31:41

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. TOOLE assumed the Chair.

00:36:13

HEARING ON SB 513

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT (D), SD 7, opened the hearing on **SB 513**, Assure the accurate determination and collection of Montana taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:14 **Mike Hammersley, Franchise Tax Court**
01:02:42 **Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue**
01:29:00 **Gene Fenderson, Progressive Labor Caucus**
01:31:33 **Linda Gryczan, Montana League of Women Voters**
01:32:24 **Tom Morrison, Tax Attorney**
01:35:01 **Terry Kendrick, WORD, Fair Share Network**
01:36:04 **Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190**
01:40:22 **Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana**

Opponents' Testimony:

01:42:24 **Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurance Companies**

EXHIBIT (tas62a06)

01:45:44 **Greg Van Horsen, State Farm Insurance**
01:48:42 **Colin Banks, Montana Association of Realtors**
01:51:39 **Bill Gowan, Helena Abstract and Title**
01:55:03 **Joe Mazurek, Semi-Tool**
01:59:23 **Ross Norman, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants**
02:02:09 **Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Association of Bankers**
02:04:19 **Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants**

EXHIBIT (tas62a07)

02:05:12 **Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce and Billings Chamber of Commerce**
02:07:02 **Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association**

EXHIBIT (tas62a08)

EXHIBIT (tas62a09)

02:11:56 **Gary Forrester, Montana Contractors Association**

Informational Testimony: None.

SEN. STORY returned.

02:12:45

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. GEBHARDT left.

02:53:28

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:06 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas62aad0.PDF](#))